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Our Docket No. 20000514.ORI

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re App : Roger A. Wilson
Serial No. : 09/991,352 : Art Unit 3652
Filed : November 20, 2001 : Examiner Charles A. Fox
For : Material Distributor

AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2003.

REMARKS

The examiner rejected claims 1 and 7 as being anticipated by Eskelinen.

The examiner is incorrect since Eskelinen does not have the same combination of part as the applicant claims.

The applicant claims a conveyor belt with paddles thereon. Eskelinen has two separated chains with "L" shaped scrapers. Further Eskelinen requires a joint 6 in the frame of the scraper to provide a bend in the frame to accommodate the shape of the hopper. The applicant requires no such joint. The applicant has a straight frame member which pivots at the top of the hopper only. Further, Eskelinen requires a raising device 10 at the opposite side from the pivot 3 on the hopper. The applicant does not employ such a raising device. The applicant used the single pivot point for raising and lowering the conveyor.

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